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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MARCH 21 MEETING (SALT TWO-572)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE EXPOSITION OF ARTICLE VIII, INCLUDING THE STATEMENT THAT THEIR ARTICLE XIII "IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD AND WE CANNOT AGREE TO ITS INCLUSION IN THE NEW AGREEMENT."

2. HIS STATEMENT REPEATED AND AMPLIFIED THEIR FORMER POSITIONS ON OUR VERIFICATION PROTOCOL VIOLATING PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM-TO-MIX, ON "THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES," AND ON ASMS ON AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN BOMBERS. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT TO MOSCOW MY STATEMENTS ON THEIR ARTICLE XIII (FBS AND THIRD-COUNTRY NUCLEAR FORCES.)

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE WALKED BACK ON HIS PREVIOUS INDICATIONS OF DESIRING A RECESS THE FIRST PART OF MAY AND SAID THAT HE DID NOT FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO RETURN AT THAT TIME, BECAUSE GOVERNMENTAL LEADERSHIP WOULD BE OTHERWISE OCCUPIED. WE AGREED THAT TENTATIVELY WE WOULD PLAN TO TAKE HOLIDAYS ONLY ON MAY 1 AND 2 AND MAY 9, DURING

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THE COURSE OF NEXT FEW WEEKS SEE WHETHER OUR WORK DEVELOPED

SUFFICIENTLY TO REQUIRE OR MAKE DESIRABLE RETURN TO CAPITALS AFTER MIDDLE OF MAY. COMMENTING ON MY REPLY TO HIS QUERY, SEMENOV AGREED THAT PRESENT OUTLOOK WAS THAT COMPLETION OF OUR WORK HERE SHOULD BE THROUGH OF IN TERMS OF MONTHS RATHER THAN WEEKS AND THAT IN SETTING TIME FOR BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO STATES WOULD HOPE THAT SUFFICIENT TIME WOULD BE PERMITTED FOR AN ORDERLY AND CAREFUL COMPLETION OF OUR TASK HERE. AT SAME TIME HE ADDED THAT WHATEVER DATE WAS SET FOR VISIT WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST TO MEET IT.

4. AS INTERESTING FOOTNOTE, DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR BILATERAL, SHCHUKIN, REFERRING TO PRESS STORIES ON GLOMAR EXPLORER, SAID TO MAY THAT REPORTED ABILITY TO LOCATE SOVIET SUBMARINE AT SUCH DEPTH AND DISTANCE INDICATED POTENTIAL CAPABILITY OF "NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION." MAY RETORTED THAT, IF NEWSPAPER STORIES ARE CORRECT, IT WOULD INDICATE POTENTIAL VULNERABILITY OF SLBMS AND, THEREFORE, IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OPEN OPTIONS FOR OTHER BASING MODES FOR STRATEGIC WEAPONS.

5. NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, U.S. MISSION.

6. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE.

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